

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1, 2 and 4 through 17 are pending in the application. The Examiner objected to Claim 12. Additionally, the Examiner indicated Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 13-17 are allowed and claims 7-12 are rejected. In response, Applicants have cancelled claims 7-12 without prejudice. As such, remaining Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 13-17 are allowable over the prior art as indicated by the Examiner.

Applicants cancelled Claims 7-12 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Conclusion

The present invention is not taught or suggested by the prior art as acknowledged by the Examiner. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

Respectfully submitted,

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